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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 6396**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Commission on Aging to establish a “Livable Communities” initiative to serve as a (1) forum for best practices and (2) resource clearinghouse to help municipal and state leaders design livable communities that allow residents to age in place (i.e., remain in their own homes and communities regardless of age or disability).

The commission must report annually on the initiative to the Aging, Housing, Human Services, and Transportation committees, with the first report due by July 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **DEFINITION**

The bill defines a “livable community” as a community with affordable and appropriate housing, infrastructure, community services, and transportation options for residents of all ages.

#### **LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE**

The bill requires the Commission on Aging to:

1. establish and facilitate partnerships with (a) municipal leaders and representatives of senior and social services offices; (b) community stakeholders; (c) planning and zoning boards and commissions; and (d) representatives of philanthropic, social services, and health organizations;
2. plan informational forums on livable communities;
3. investigate innovative approaches to livable communities nationwide;

4. identify public, private, and philanthropic funding sources to design these communities; and
5. establish, by January 1, 2014, a single portal on its website for information and resources on the initiative.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12      Nay 0      (03/07/2013)